

GOTHERINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
20th May 2025 at 7:30pm.

Venue: Rex Rhodes Building, Gotherington. GL52 9EX.

Present: Councillors; Beverly Osborne (Chair), Steve Neighbour, Hannah Fry, Tim Fawke, Andrew Daniel, Anthony Lidington,

Attendees: County Cllr Adcock, Anj Patel Tewkesbury Borough Council Community and Place Development Officer - East Area (TBC CPDO East Area), Selina Holder (Clerk/RFO) and 19members of the public

Public Session No Public comments

2025.05.01

Election of Chairman – Cllr Osborne and Cllr Lidington both put their names forward to be elected as chairperson. The Clerk carried out an anonymous ballot resulting in 3 votes for Cllr Osborne and 1 vote for Cllr Lidington. Cllr Osborne signed the acceptance for Chair and clerk witnessed the signing.

2025.05.02

Election of Vice chairman – Cllr Neighbour was elected as Vice Chairman and signed the acceptance form and clerk witnessed the signing.

2025.05.03

To receive apologies from absent Councillors. Cllr Rees sends his apologies.

2025.05.04

To receive declarations of interest for items on the agenda below
Cllr Osborne declared an interest in item 3 on the agenda.

2025.05.05

2025.05.06

To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 8th April 2025, Council accepted, Chair signed.

Reports from Borough Councillors and County Councillor.

Cllr Adcock noted that due to the Borough elections it has been a fairly quite month he noted that on the 13th May Councillor Kashan Pervaiz was invested as Capital I M of Tewkesbury Borough.

He also advised that the public can now watch the meeting by webcasting.

2025.05.07

Cllr Adcock has also been elected as chair of Woodmancote Parish Council and has been busy getting involved in the new role.

To receive reports from parish councillors on external meetings attended:

Cllr Lidington has attended a few zooms meeting during the month, one on public toilets and another on account which he felt was more for clerks than Cllr's.

Cllr Neighbour and 2 other Cllrs and 3 members of the Village Hall met for an informal meeting to be able to talk openly about the ownership of the village hall, discussing options on how to resolve the ownership. Cllr Lidington advises that the council have not received a signed copy of a vesting order.

Minute reference	Description	Latest update
2025.05.01	GPC agree to investigate the feasibility of adding a structure to the west of JWP in Freeman Field to facilitate Menshed	Council unanimously agree that they would like to support the setup of a ManShed and agree that the ManShed can have access to the JWP free of charge for 6 months for the initial set up – Times and days to be arranged.

		The council also would like to explore options for the ManShed to have access to it own building.
2025.05.02	Table and chairs – Council to agree the amount of table and chair that are needed to be purchased and approve an amount.	Cllr Osborne purchased 2 x table as examples 1 round and 1 rectangle. Council agree that 3 x circle and 4 x rectangle can be ordered.
2025.05.03	Freeman field access	Clerk received three separate email to have the last proposal to be removed – This is due to some new information being provided. Council have decided to investigate the new information and Cllr Neighbour to report to council in June.
2025.03.04	War Memorial – CCTV to be installed at the Old Chapel.	Cllr Osborne to arrange a meeting with Andy to discuss option to do a WIFI set up the same as the RRB
2025.03.05	The play area and fitness equipment - H&S checks	Cllr Daniel to take part in a training course for carrying out H&S checks.
2025.03.06	New gate at The Grange	Cllr Neighbour to contact Hillary Grace to see if she has a update on replacing the metal gate with a wooden one.
2025.03.07	Appoint and approve internal Auditor Council to review and adopt the following. -Standing Order -Code of conduct -Gotherington Financial Regulations	Council adopted the following documents as advised by clerk. Clerk to add to website. -Standing Order Adopted -Code of conduct Adopted -Gotherington Financial Regulations Adopted
2025.03.08	Meadow Footpaths: Updates on maintenance for: Alongside The Holt. AGO20 Opposite the Village Hall. AGO18 Behind Lawrance’s Meadow. AGO44	Cllr Osborne has not heard back from Hayfields following a meeting with Cllr Neighbour. Cllr Osborne will follow up and report in June.
2025.03.09	Clearance of saplings and ivy on Ashmead Drive	Clerk has received a reply to letter sent out, the resident asked what the cost for the Sapling and the cost for the removal of the existing hedging would be. Cllr Adcock confirms that he would need to speak to the supplier and would come back to the council. Clerk to reply to the resident and advise that the removal would need to be carried out at his cost.
2025.03.10	New options for fixing the price for the gas and electricity for the RRB:	CLOSED.
2025.03.11	VAT	Deferred to June.
2025.03.12	The cycle path lights have been turned on Clerk to report.	Report received from Vistry – No report received.
2025.03.13	RRB Refurb	Council to meet with Anj Patel improving the grass pitches and also exploring funding opportunities for improving associated infrastructure. Cllr Daniel to also send a survey to stake holder to get an idea of what they would like to have/require.
2025.05.14	Replacement Gazebo	On Hold - Council waiting for Greenfield to come back and confirm the sq. meters required around the monkey bars. The Gazebo has been approved by the council but as the exercise equipment is next to it the council would like to wait so the work can be down at the same time.
2025.03.15	The Community asset register renewal for The Shutters Inn	Cllr Fry confirms paperwork has been submitted.
2025.03.16	Speed watch project	Ongoing - Clerk to speak to Woodmancote chair.
2025.03.17	Finance working group: Cllr. Fawke to report. •New savings account •New bank account	Cllr Fawke confirms that the council now have 2 accounts set up. Account 1 is instant access and the other is 95-day access. He proposed that the council add £100,000 funds to each account to split the funds evenly. Council unanimously agreed to the proposal and the clerk will make the transfers. Clerk to set up a savings account for the tennis court fee to be added to.

2025.03.18	Street sign cleaning project	Deferred to June.
2025.03.19	Vistry Planning Application	Deferred to June, no updated report received yet.
2025.03.20	Tennis Court project	Deferred to June.
2025.03.21	Mobile network within the village	
2025.03.22	Village hall carpark – Final invoice	Deferred to June, Neil was not in attendance

Payment Schedule for March 2025. –

- A- Clerk - £349.27
- B- Cleaner – £217.50
- C- Cleaner - Cleaning supplies £31.98
- D- Cllr. Osbourne – New lock and lock box £25.17
- E- Scribe - £37.20
- F- Euro link Security Installations – Call out 10th April - £ WAITING FOR A REPLY ON COST
- G- TBC – Annual cutting fee - £ 2,299.18
- H- Play safety Limited – Annual inspection - £163.20
- I- GAPTC – Training Clerk and Cllr Lidington - £ 70.
- J- Hiscox Insurance Company Limited - £1,660.84.
- K- GAPTC - £655.00

All payments approved 20th May 2025.

Planning received - 25/00299/FUL DESCRIPTION: Removal/variation of condition 1, planning permission 23/00086/APP to amend approved drawings – **Council has no objections**

Planning Decision Received - None

Items for inclusion on next agenda. - None

Date of next meeting Tuesday 10th June 2025
Meeting closed 10:30pm